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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Russell Jail  
other names/site number Resource #WHO497

### 2. Location

street & number N/A  not for publication N/A  
city, town Russell  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72139

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>        </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 80. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Cathy A. Boyd 5-13-90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government, Correctional Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA Architecture

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Concrete

roof Concrete

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

LAW  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1930-39  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County", Section H

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

**UTM References**

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1	5	6	3	5	4	4	0	3	9	1	4	1	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

See continuation sheet

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## Description

The one-story, one-room Russell jail is located behind the town's post office and barbershop. Although intact, the structure has been slightly altered, is in fair condition and is somewhat overgrown with brush. It was built with steel rod-reinforced cast concrete and with a concrete roof and foundation. The only alteration has been the removal of the steel door on the front elevation, which is currently replaced with plywood. Two small, barred openings serve as windows on the two side elevations.

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### Significance

This jail, one of only three cast concrete, WPA-constructed jails in the county, is located in Russell, a former station on the Iron Mountain line that was named for a member of the railroad's section crew. The jail's significance lies in its associations with Russell's government in the period following its circa 1935 construction, and also with its connection to the economy and way of life during the Depression era, as symbolized by all of the WPA buildings in the county that meet requirements for registration. [See the associated property type for Religious and Institutional Buildings, Depression Era; and Historic Contexts 2 and 3: Railroad Era and Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years]. It is being considered for nomination under National Register Criterion A with local significance.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point located approximately 25 feet to the east of the eastern corner of the jail (located 150 feet northwest of State Highway 367 and 100 feet southwest of County Road 70), proceed northwesterly for a distance of approximately 75 feet along a line running parallel to the northeastern elevation; then proceed southwesterly for a distance of approximately 75 feet on a line running parallel to the northwestern elevation; thence proceed southeasterly for a distance of approximately 75 feet on a line running parallel to the southwestern elevation; thence proceed northeasterly for a distance of approximately 75 feet on a line running parallel to the southeastern elevation to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

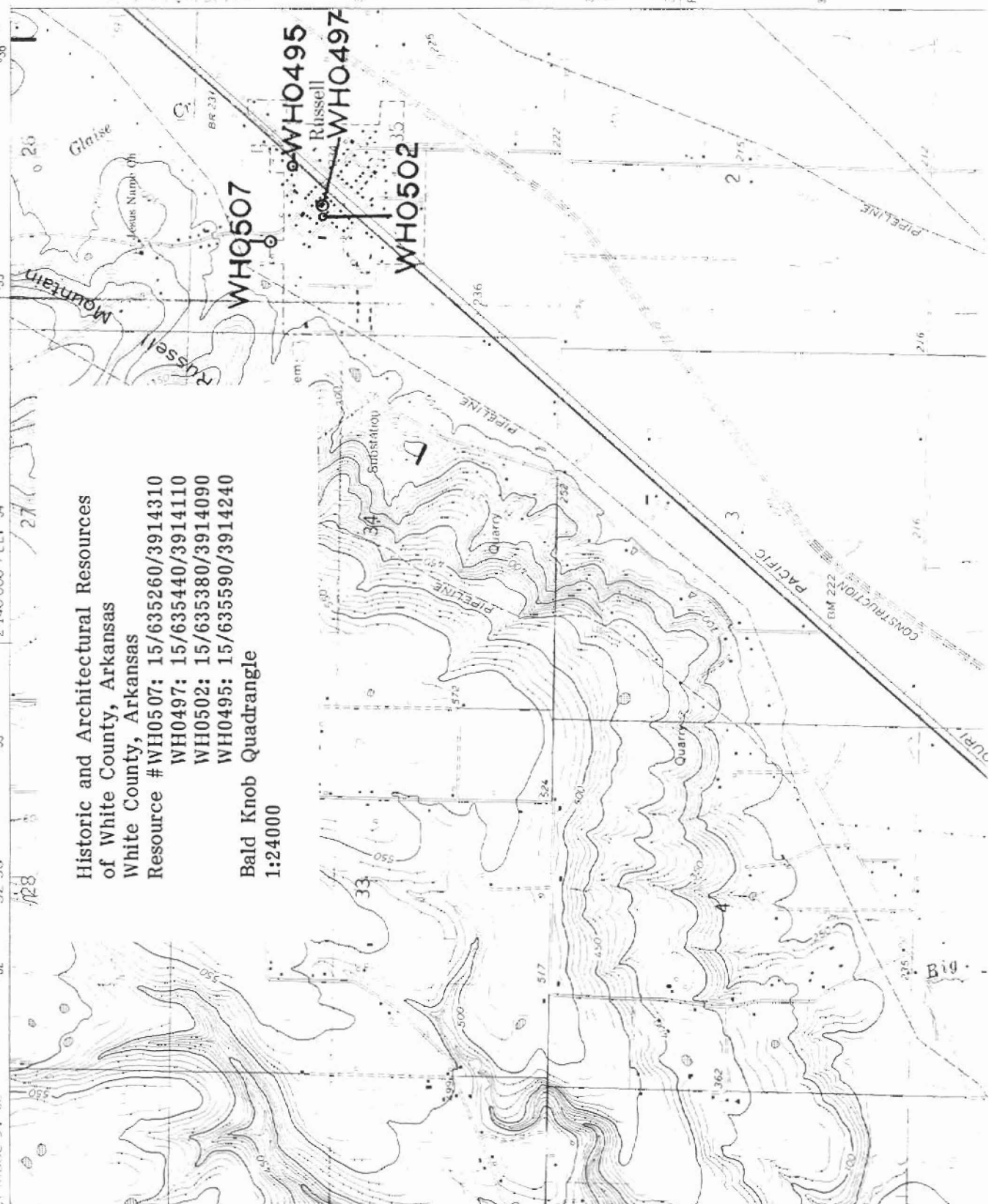




BALD KNOB QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS - WHITE CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SWALLE 3.9 MI  
ET RIDGE 3.1 MI  
632 32'30" 633 27' 634 21' 635 15' 636 9'1'30" 35°22'30"

Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas  
White County, Arkansas  
Resource # WH0507: 15/635260/3914310  
WH0497: 15/635440/3914110  
WH0502: 15/635380/3914090  
WH0495: 15/635590/3914240  
Bald Knob Quadrangle  
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